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Mr. Daniel Letourneau

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Dear Mr. Letourneau:

Mr. Dulles has asked me to thank you for your letter of 9 April requesting information where the war diary of the Abwehr II might be filed.

We have been unsuccessful in determining who is the custodian of this document and we regret very much that we have been unable to assist you in locating it.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer

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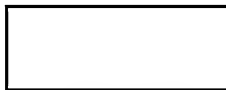
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Aware of the interest, as an historian, you take in this question, I believe that you will be able to assist me.

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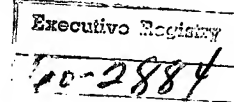
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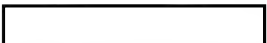
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April 20, 1960

Dear Allen

You are a wonder. Many thanks to you and
 for your trouble and courtesies. I know
you are frightfully busy and am sorry to have bothered you.

Also regret you cannot be shipmates with us
this year but we may keep "Rara Avis" over there another year
and perhaps you can rig it so we can take you and Clover to
sea.

*Many thanks
Paul Spencer*

Hon. Allen W. Dulles,
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

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April 25, 1960

Mr.

The Director wanted you to see the attached.
It may be sent to file when you have noted it.

Noted
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